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Credentials of representatives to the Conference

Interim report of the Credentials Committee

1. Rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons provides:

> "The Conference shall establish a Credentials Committee composed of the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen elected in accordance with rule 5, and six members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President. The Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay."

2. In accordance with rule 5 of its rules of procedures, the Conference unanimously elected Mohamed Ali Alhakim (Iraq) as Chairman of the Credentials Committee and Matthew Rowland (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Paweł Radomski (Poland) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

3. In accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure, the Conference, on the proposal of the President, appointed the following countries as members of the Credentials Committee: Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Kyrgyzstan, Norway and Viet Nam.

4. The Committee held its first meeting on 5 May 2015 to examine the credentials received thus far. The Committee is submitting the present interim report pursuant to the request in rule 3 that the Committee report to the Conference without delay.

5. The Secretary-General of the Conference has kept the Credentials Committee informed of the status of credentials of the representatives of the States parties attending the Conference.

6. The Credentials Committee has noted that, as at 5 May 2015:

(a) Formal credentials in due form, as provided for by rule 2 of the rules of procedure, had been received by the Secretary-General of the Conference for representatives of the following 65 States parties: Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belarus, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of

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Korea, Russian Federation, San Marino, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America and Yemen;

(b) Provisional credentials for the representatives of the following 39 States parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by means of a facsimile communication from their Head of State or Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs or by means of a note verbale or letter from their Permanent Mission in New York: Angola, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe;

(c) The following States parties had not submitted their credentials: Afghanistan, Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo (Republic of the), Democratic People's Republic of Korea,[1] Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Montenegro, Nicaragua, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, State of Palestine, Suriname, Swaziland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zambia.

7. Taking note of the information relayed by the Secretary-General of the Conference, the Committee requested the Chairman to invite those States parties participating in the Conference that had not yet done so to submit to the Secretary-General of the Conference the credentials of their representatives in accordance with rule 2 of the rules of procedure. The Committee's request was communicated by the Chairman to the States parties through a note contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/5.

8. The Credentials Committee seizes the opportunity of the present interim report to remind delegations once again, particularly those referred to in paragraph 5(c) above, of the requirements of rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the relevant portion of which reads as follow:

> "The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference ... Credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs."

[1] Announced its withdrawal on 10 January 2003. The legal status of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as a State party is uncertain.